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SUBJECT: TOUR OF TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION GROUP

VIENNA: PLEASE PASS TO SALZBURG

1. AT THE REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF SENATOR HOWARD H. BAKER, JR. (R-TENN), EUR/CE HAS DISCUSSED WITH MR. GRAHAM BARTLETT OF THE TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION A TOUR TO SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA A TBA GROUP IS MAKING IN LATE APRIL. SOME ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE IS BEING REQUESTED FROM POSTS ENROUTE.

2. ACCORDING TO MR. BARTLETT, SOME 175 LAWYERS, SPOUSES, AND GUESTS WILL BE IN THE GROUP. THEY PLAN TO DEPART FROM NASHVILLE ON APRIL 19, FLYING TO ZURICH VIA A CHARTER AIRCRAFT. AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL AT ZURICH ON APRIL 20, THE GROUP WILL TRAVEL TO LUCERN VIA BUS. THEY WILL STAY AT THE GRAND HOTEL UNTIL APRIL 24.

3. FOR ZURICH: WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE TO HAVE
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A PROMINENT ENGLISH-SPEAKING SWISS LAWYER OR JUDGE

ADDRESS THE TBA GROUP AT THE GRAND HOTEL BETWEEN 1800 AND 2000 ON APRIL 20 ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SWISS LEGAL SYSTEM? THE TBA IS NOT PREPARED TO PAY ANY SPEAKER'S FEE OR

HONORARIUM, BUT WOULD CONSIDER A REASONABLE CHARGE FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES.

4. FOR SALZBURG: ON APRIL 24, THE TBA GROUP WILL TRAVEL TO SALZBURG, WHERE THEY PLAN TO STAY AT THE HOTEL WINKLER UNTIL APRIL 26. WOULD CONSULATE SALZBURG PLEASE LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING A BRIEFING SESSION ON THE AUSTRIAN LEGAL SYSTEM, SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED IN PARA 3?

5. FOR VIENNA: THE TBA PARTY ARRIVES IN VIENNA ON APRIL 26, WHERE THEY PLAN TO STAY AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL UNTIL APRIL 30. WOULD THE EMBASSY PLEASE ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A TOUR OF THE LAW COURTS? ANY OTHER PROGRAM IDEAS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. MR. BARTLETT ALSO WONDERED WHETHER AN "EMBASSY RECEPTION" WOULD BE POSSIBLE. HE WAS INFORMED THAT THIS WOULD DEPEND UPON A NUMBER OF FACTORS, INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, THE AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE AND THE ABILITY OF THE VISITING GROUP TO ASSUME THE REPRESENTATIONAL COSTS, WHICH WOULD BE EXPENSIVE FOR A GROUP THIS SIZE. MR. BARTLETT IS GOING TO GIVE FURTHER THOUGHT TO THIS PART OF THE PROGRAM.

6. FYI: IN DECEMBER, MR. BARTLETT WROTE TO A NUMBER OF BAR ASSOCIATIONS IN SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA CONCERNING THE TBA'S PLANS, BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY REPLIES. KISSINGER

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